

Appl. No. 10/573,238
Amdt. Dated March 1, 2010
Reply to Office Action of December 3, 2009

Attorney Docket No. 81880.0143
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 24-60 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION:

Claims 37-39, 41, 42, 45, 51, 54, 57, and 60 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 33, 54-59, and 61-64 of copending Application No. 10/573,331.

Claim 48 stands provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 33 of copending Application No. 10/573,331.

In response, Applicant files concurrently herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Withdrawal of this rejection is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing remarks, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310)785-4600 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,
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